

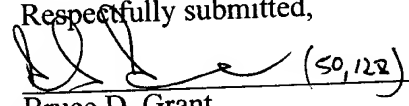
REMARKS

The Sequence Listing has been amended to include priority information to address an issue raised by the Examiner in the Office Communication dated May 9, 2003. In the Communication the Examiner refers to the Amendment filed on September 8, 1999, which introduced information regarding related applications. The instant application is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/589,108 filed January 23, 1996, which is reflected in the Declaration signed by the inventors on May 8, 1998 and in the amendment filed September 8, 1999. The other references listed in the above-mentioned amendment designated as related applications, and priority is not currently claimed to them. The Sequence Listing attached hereto includes a reference to the claim to priority to 08/589,108 in accordance with the Office Communication dated May 9, 2003.

The undersigned hereby states that a computer-readable form copy (CRF copy) of the substitute Sequence Listing and a paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(a) and (b), respectively, are the same and contain no new matter. Accordingly, entry of the substitute Sequence Listing into the above-captioned case is respectfully requested.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing Docket No. 399632000820. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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